

INSTITUTE IN SESSION.

The Belmont County Teachers' Annual Training School

Began Work on Monday. Thirty-five in Attendance. Hitherto Arranged Full Proceedings.

The Belmont County Teachers' Institute, in its eleventh annual session, opened in this place on Monday. At 2 o'clock C. U. Patterson, chairman of the Executive Committee, called the assembled pedagogues to order and with devotional exercises the Institute began its work. But the Institute was not to start without a hitch in the proceedings. At the last moment the Executive Committee found that only one of the employed instructors was eligible under the law, namely, Prof. Waters. Under the new law passed in May, the County Examiners are prohibited from any connection with teachers' institutes. Although Messrs. Murphy and Duncan had been employed in February, these gentlemen thought it best under the circumstances to sever connection with the Institute. The late Commissioner Hancock had given an opinion to the effect that the new law would not invalidate their right to teach, it having been passed after they had been employed, still to avoid any trouble that might arise to impede their official positions, they quietly stepped down. To supply the vacancies caused the committee some effort, but E. E. Sparks, an excellent instructor and late Superintendent of the Martin's Ferry schools, was secured Monday afternoon. Prof. Waters will take some work additional to what was first intended, and Mr. Sparks will conduct the remainder of the work. With two such instructors, although on their work will fall the heavier, it is assured that no one will feel anything by the enforced change in arrangements. It being necessary for Prof. Sparks to make some preparation before taking charge of his classes, he was excused until Thursday. The teachers are congratulating themselves that the Institute will be in charge of two such popular and capable men. Until Prof. Sparks returns his classes are being conducted by W. R. Butcher and W. L. Barze.

On account of the law mentioned, President T. P. Harris was compelled to resign his place as chairman, and Maywood Forsythe, the Vice President, took his chair. Miss Lide Anderson carefully and in a business-like manner performs the duties of Secretary. An enrollment was taken, and 29 teachers, both real and prospective, entered their names. A committee on introduction was appointed as follows: Miss Lide Anderson, E. F. Barnes, Mrs. Jessie Carroll, and Miss Adda Ault. After transacting some other unimportant business, an adjournment was taken until Tuesday morning.

Although there was a lack of instructors on the first day, Tuesday morning started off smoothly. Prof. Waters now has the grammar, arithmetic, orthography and reading classes. Messrs. Butcher and Barze take care of physiology, history and geography classes, and it is presumed that these classes will be retained by Prof. Sparks. However, the program is subject to change. Still, one thing is assured, Prof. Waters will teach the grammar classes. Those present say Mr. Waters is even better in grammar than two years ago, and he always has been considered a well-nigh indisputable authority. All these gentlemen have succeeded in injecting much life into the classes, and great interest is already manifested by those present. A large increase in attendance is expected by next Monday, and by then every teacher will be moving under full pressure.

The day opens with devotional exercises at 8:45, and 15 minutes later the regular work of the day begins. According to the present program, which is subject to change at any time, the classes are held as follows: 9:00 o'clock, Geography; 9:45, Grammar; 10:30, Orthography; 11:20, Physiology; 1:30, History; 2:15, Arithmetic; 3:40, Reading. A class in Penmanship has not been organized, but will be as soon as demanded.

As soon as the Institute was started the Executive Committee left, and have not since been seen. The criticism of the Committee is heard, the opinion being expressed by some that these gentlemen did not begin early enough to properly work up the Institute, and that they exhibit a personal lack of interest in the work, which is scarcely fitting, inasmuch as they sought the position, and it was supposed they would give full attention to their duties. However, these gentlemen seem to have recently done the best they could to further the interest of the Institute.

Prof. Waters, in some remarks at the opening of the Institute, explained the method of conducting institutes in Pennsylvania, where attendance of teachers is compulsory. He recommended the adoption of some such system here. In Pennsylvania the expenses of the teachers at the institutes are paid to the amount of \$2 per day. He also thought a township superintendent would be found in maintaining the schools.

The older teachers present seem to be united in the opinion that all teachers should be in attendance at the annual Institute, and that it beats independent normal schools all hollow.

ENTROLLMENT.

Up to Wednesday at noon the following teachers were enrolled: L. H. Waters, Media, Pa.; Maywood Forsythe, Blaine, Ohio; E. F. Barnes, St. Clairsville; E. F. Barnes, Barnesville; C. U. Patterson, Bethesda; W. G. Cash, Morristown; Adda Ault, Jessie Carroll, Carrie Williams, Anna Meek, Rena Ferrell, Bessie Adams, Mattie Alther, Nina Morgan, Belle Webster, P. T. Anderson, Bertha A. Sutton, Clara Scott, O. H. Lucas, Blanche Harrison, Anna O. Hubbard, St. Clairsville; Adda B. Hill, Kild; E. W. Dungan, Cape; Emma Phillips, Frank; M. D. Morris, Kennon; Frank Simpson, East Richmond; Leona Bryant, Loydsville; Mary E. McAllister, West Wheeling; W.

L. Barze, Somerton; W. R. Butcher, Bridgeport; Emma M. Talbott, Barnesville; Jessie Creighton, Wheeling; Margaret W. Fulton, Whitney; Ella L. Ault, St. Clairsville; J. C. Meyers, Bellaire. Total number 35.

STAGGLED NOTES.

THE CHRONICLE is the only paper in the county which publishes the test questions the week after the examination. J. G. Taggart, the old timer, was present on Monday and was perfectly at home as he is everywhere. He will at the later sessions of the Institute. It was suggested, and perhaps logically, that it is not legal under the new law for the examiners to come inside the town where the Institute is being held. A number were present on Monday who attended the first Institute in this place, ten years ago. All teachers seemed glad to see Prof. Waters. St. Clairsville welcomes the teachers.

A FAIR VISITOR

Talks Entertainingly of our Town and People in a Letter Home.

In a charming letter from this place to the Noble County *Republican*, a correspondent, who is designated as "our fair compositior," has many things of interest to say of us. The town generally seems to have known of the writers' coming, for she was, she says, met at the depot by "three million people and was dazed by the large number of pretty girls and nice looking old bachelors." Along with her mental kodak, the writer evidently carried a pocket barometer, for St. Clairsville is said to occupy an elevated and beautiful site 11,800 feet above sea level. This is perhaps the highest inhabited land on the globe, and it is no wonder that our railroads do not reach the town. Of these latter it is said:

"These two roads do not enter the sacred precincts of the town, which would be impossible unless they adopted the cog-wheel system, but approach the hill on either side and there they stop. The engines carry on a hostile flirtation over the hill in the most friendly manner but are not permitted to gaze into each others head-lights at this point."

The town and country are paid this compliment: "Altogether the town has an ancient appearance, but the people are highly cultured, intellectual, genteel and sociable. The country around is rich and very productive, therefore the farmers are all either wealthy or well-to-do. In a drive some miles both east and west on the pike it was with my pleasure to view the beautiful country residences and well kept farms. On every hand there is evidence of thrift and remunerative toil."

Our population is said to include three hundred colored citizens, but the fair correspondent was judging simply from summer appearances.

The ambitious metropolis of the county is vividly pictured in a sentence. "Arriving at Bellaire, I was conveyed to the C. & N. W. depot, on a day, which seems to be the only mode of conveyance in that dirty city."

Much other interesting matter, descriptive, historical and mythical is given, all of it pleasant and readable.

WORK FOR THE COURTS.

Some New Cases in which Papers have been Filed.

In the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas petitions in the following new cases have been filed during the week:

John D. Hohnsack, adm'r of the estate of Charles M. Roush, against the Benwood Iron Company. In his petition the plaintiff sets forth that Roush came to his death by the negligence of the defendants in maintaining a battery of faulty boilers, and that death was caused by the explosion of one of these. It is alleged that the boilers were old, thin, and not properly supplied with steam and water gauges, and that this fact was known to defendants, who were negligent in not remedying the defects, and damages are asked in the sum of \$10,000.

August C. Rohrer brings an action against the Martin's Ferry Terminal Railway Company to recover \$1200 damages because the defendants cut down the grade of the street in front of his property, and thereby rendered his lot inaccessible. On the same grounds August, his wife, brings suit for \$2200 against the same company for damages to her property.

Julius Green asks the court for \$2,000 damages from W. H. Coss, a Martin's Ferry saloon keeper, because in defiance of her orders, the defendant sold liquor to her husband, and caused her much trouble, and lack of support, all her husband's wages being spent for liquor.

In the case of Amy Gilmore against Amanda Gilmore, the plaintiff asks a divorce from his wife on the ground of drunkenness, neglect of duty and cruelty. Both parties to the action reside in Martin's Ferry.

Mollie Bolte against Henry Bolte and others. Divorce, on the grounds of adultery, drunkenness, and extreme cruelty.

G. S. Latham brings an action against E. T. Coll to recover \$700 the value of property charged to have been secured by false pretense, with interest on the foregoing amount from August 21.

Peter Shaffer asks judgment against the Pittsburgh, Ohio Valley and Cincinnati Railway Company for damages in the sum of \$4725.

In the cases where the State appears as plaintiff Wm. McGowan is charged with assault with intent to kill. Edward Coll is charged with obtaining property under false pretenses; Wm. Golt is with subornation of perjury, and Minor Gibson with perjury.

YOUTHFUL THIEVES.

Several young boys of Bellaire, whose ages range from 8 to 15 years, were caught tapping the till of DuBois & McCoy's planing mill on Friday last. One of the boys had learned the combination, and at one time extorted \$4, at another \$14, and on Friday, when they were watched and caught, about \$7 was stolen. The several of the boys fixed the matter up. Several of the boys belong to excellent families.

IN GOD'S FIRST TEMPLES.

The Burr's Mills Assembly Voted a Success.

Though Interrupted by Rain-Work of the Week-Excellent Lectures-Success of the Last Day.

Though the assembly at Epworth Park did not exactly end in a blaze of glory, yet on Tuesday evening those having the enterprise in hand felt greatly encouraged, and unanimously voted that the assembly be held next year. Unusual difficulties had to be met this year. The clearing of the ground and building of auditorium put the management in debt, and the rain on each of the days, when a large attendance was expected, reduced the receipts. But running expenses were paid, and the debt diminished, and even partial success another year will make the assembly an institution.

During the week, class work, under the supervision of Dean Wright, went steadily on. The Dean put great life into his work and took the dryness quite out of Greek roots. His lectures were of great value, and are the same that he will deliver at Mountain Lake Park, at the Chautauqua, which begins there next week.

The lecture of Dr. Toland, last week, on "Spiritism" was illustrated by rapidings, table tipplings, and other phenomena of the spirit world, and it was shown how such so-called manifestations were produced. On Thursday evening a concert was given by a musical club from Barnesville. This afforded great entertainment. Friday and Saturday evenings were taken up with lectures by Rev. W. L. Davidson, with stereoscopic views. These lectures are widely celebrated. They were greatly enjoyed. That on "In and about Shakespeare's Home" was thought to be especially good. Sunday was devoted entirely to religious exercises and rest. Unexpectedly large congregations came from the surrounding country to worship God in the cool shades of the forest, and this was one of the most profitable days of the session.

On Monday a genuine native of Jerusalem, whose every-day name was Peter von Finkelstein Manrow, lectured on "The Farmers of Palestine," following it up with lectures on Tuesday. He was filled up with his subject, and possessed a remarkably easy and swift going tongue. He appeared in costume, and dressed boys in other garbs, representing the life of the ancient city. He took his hearers into the very heart of the old metropolis, showing them scenes which they could not see by a visit to Holy Land, unless extraordinarily favored—as, for instance, the interior of a Mahometan's harem. Manrow had a great deal to say, and he said it well.

Tuesday was called "Pioneer Day," and it was also, owing to postponement, to do service as G. A. R. day. All Monday night the grounds were deluged with rain, and in the morning there was little prospect for a fine day. As the hours advanced, however, the sun came out at intervals and drove down to come in. A fine band came down from the "Biggest" and martial music arrived from Bellaire. Blue coats and brass buttons became frequent. By the time the speaking opened at 1:30, there was a fine audience of fully a thousand people, filling the auditorium and standing about it. A shower now and then took the curl out of bangs, and kept up a salutary movement. Representative McKelvey's speech was one of his best efforts. The occasion was a good one, and he was quickly responsive to it. His opening remarks were happily chosen and heartily applauded. He then proceeded to give an historical review of this country. Here, and gave striking pictures of those early days. Coming to the results of our ancestors' efforts, he warmed into the subject. In passing he paid an earnest and taking tribute to the soldiers of the republic, and ended with rolling up the curtain of the future, and completing the towering structure of which the difficult past and the glorious present are but the foundation and lower walls.

Senator Nichols, also, seemed to feel an affluence from the time and place, though he professed, as a lawyer, to be out of his element. He took the ground that the past was not half what it is boasted to be, and he poked much pleasant fun at the "good old by-gone days," contrasting their primitive appliances with the improved apparatus of to-day. His outlook on the present was broad and statesmanlike. Though advocating progress, he did not lose sight of the great establishments already rooted in our national and social life. He referred to our vast coal and iron resources as twin giants. The veterans came in for appreciative mention. In closing, the Senator did something that was unexpected, in delivering an appropriate and eloquent eulogy on the work of the Epworth League and kindred orders, on the Bible and on Christianity.

Croquet, as a game, is played out, even at a religious assembly. Some inspired individual at the Park got a foot ball, and after that the croquet wickets rusted, and everybody played ball. There was no limitation from vocation or sex. Porty Dr. Manchesters were in the midst of the game, firing mighty kicks with his left foot at the bounding rubber. The women, both single and married, nobly upheld their sex's reputation as "kickers," and the ball seemed to fly as well when hit by a female No. 1, 2 or 3, as when plunked by a masculine eleven. This healthy sport was indulged in at every opportunity, and its devotees will go home with a lung power and foot power that they never dreamed of before, and otherwise physically invigorated and improved. Foot ball has become an institution at Epworth Park.

Public Sale of Household Goods.

Will offer at public auction at my residence on Main street, St. Clairsville, on Tuesday, Aug. 4th, at 2 o'clock P. M., my household goods.

MRS. S. E. SWANEY.

REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Temporary Organization of a Club Here. Permanent Next Monday Evening.

On Tuesday evening the preliminary organization of a local Republican League Club was effected at this place. State Organizer Swartz of the League was present, and it was due to his presence that a club was organized at this time. This organization is being worked up all over the State, and the entire commonwealth will shortly be covered with a network of clubs which are expected to do effective service in the coming campaign.

In the temporary organization Senator J. W. Nichols was chosen Chairman. After a general expression of opinion as to the advisability of forming a club, and an almost universal declaration of sentiment in favor of the movement, a committee was appointed to report a constitution and by-laws. The recommendation of the committee embracing the usual constitution and laws adopted by league clubs was received without amendment. A committee of five on enrollment was then appointed, with instructions to report on next Monday evening at 7:30, when another meeting will be held. The committee to solicit members are A. H. Mitchell, T. C. Ayers, Will Miller, E. E. Cleveland and E. L. McMillen.

The object of the club is to assist the county committee, and to engage in personal work in behalf of the Republican ticket. The experience has been in all places where these clubs have been organized that they are very effective in aiding the success of the Republican ticket. Every Republican in Richland township is eligible to membership in the club, and it is the desire that all come out on next Monday evening. The present campaign is one of the most important in our history, and strong organization is needed. Come out, young men, and help form a club, whose influence will be felt in Democratic Richland. Everything is now auspicious, and a good, strong organization in Richland township will do much to roll up a larger majority in the county. Come out.

BENJAMIN F. BARKHURST.

Another Old and Esteemed Citizen Passes Away.

For a number of weeks the aged Benj. F. Barkhurst has been suffering from the complaints of advancing years. His disease, which at the start resembled grip, had kept him in bed during the spring and early summer, and on Sunday terminated his life.

The deceased was born June 24th, 1816, near Mt. Pleasant, passing his boyhood and early manhood at this place. On April 27th, 1841, he was married to Mary A. Eckey. Thirty-two years ago they removed to the farm on the southern outskirts of the town, and have lived there since. His wife and two brothers are the immediate survivors of Mr. Barkhurst's family.

He was a life-long member of the Methodist church, to which he gave of his money and time. The peculiarity of his outside nature was a strong generosity for those whose natures he liked, and an indifference towards those who did not appeal to him. He was noted for his kindness and liberality toward his close friends. He was a man of strictly moral life, perfectly upright in all his dealings, of strong and inflexible character, and eccentric only to those who did not share his inner confidence. His death removes another of our older and more familiar figures.

The funeral exercises were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, conducted by Dr. E. Hingeley. Interment at the Methodist Cemetery.

A GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Powell and Miss Hollingshead at Court House Monday.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Presbyterian church at the Hall, Friday evening, was well attended. The larger part of the program was the work of Miss Hattie Powell, of York, Pa., and Miss Mary Hollingshead, of Ravenna, O. Miss Powell's playing was thoroughly enjoyable, not only to the musicians in the audience, but to others as well. Her selections were made with excellent judgment, and were rendered with both skill and sympathy. This lady is no novice with the key-board, but a true artist, and her playing was a treat to all who heard it. Our people are well acquainted with Miss Hollingshead's manner of acting, and were glad of an opportunity of hearing her again. Each of her numbers was an enthusiastic receipt. "Zingarella," elicited an enthusiastic response. "The Money Musk" elicited a hearty laugh. "The Money Musk" elicited an enthusiastic response. "The Money Musk" elicited a hearty laugh. "The Money Musk" elicited an enthusiastic response.

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Has employed a practical upholsterer and is now fitted to do any work of that character. He can furnish any kind of plushes, silks, haircloths, or any other covering desired. All work executed neatly, promptly, and at reasonable rates.

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ITEMS PITHY AND NEWSY.

Interesting Short Bits Put in Convenient Form.

Town and Country-Local and Otherwise. Notes Gathered with Pencil. Paste Pot and Shears.

A WOMAN'S gun club is an absurdity projected at Bellaire.

BRIDGEPORT has gained 69 in population during the last year.

WALL PAPER at cost for next thirty days, at CROSSLANDS'. 7-16-2*

HENRY W. STAMM, proprietor of the Stamm House, Wheeling, died on Sunday, aged 63 years.

REV. R. L. SMITH will give \$25 to the student in Franklin College receiving the highest grades next year.

F. A. TAYLOR, late editor of the "Quest" of Wheeling, died Saturday at Chillicothe, from typhoid fever.

NEW STOCK RUGS, Art Squares and Brussels Carpet. Special attention given to laying. 7-16-21 F. TROLL & SONS.

HORACE J. LUTON, a Barnesville grocer, on Monday assigned his stock of goods to John D. Talbott. The assets are placed at \$350.

THERE is talk of erecting a soldiers' monument in Linwood Cemetery, west of Bridgeport. The citizens of Bridgeport are urging forward the project.

Two Cambridge men have received \$400 reward from the Treasurer of Tuscarawas county for the arrest of Henry Wherley, for the murder of James Booth.

JOHN L. SCHILLING, of Bellaire, has patented a new sort of domino, made of hard wood and covered with celluloid, and having numbers on the face instead of spots.

DOW'S Electric Galvanic Belt cures all Nervous and Chronic Diseases. Price \$3.00. CHAS. W. TROLL, Ag't. 7-24-31

THE managers of the Institute should have endeavored to arrange for some lectures during the session. With no entertainment, the exercises will be rather dry.

At the Clarendon Hotel on last Wednesday evening, James M. Phillips and Miss Louisa D. Wilcox, both of Hunter, were united in marriage, by Rev. Dr. Alexander.

For six terms, the average term grade of the last graduating class in Franklin College was over 94 per cent. You can get a first-class education there, at the lowest rates.

THE Methodist Sunday School will picnic at Ridgeways Grove on Thursday, August 13. An earlier date was desired, but the Grove could not be secured at any other time.

ISAAC LIDDINGS, who for sometime has been sick, became much worse Wednesday from the effects of some stringent medicine, and it was feared that he would not recover.

MISS CARIE MITCHELL, handsomely entertained a number of her friends on Monday evening in honor of Miss Mary Hollingshead. The evening was delightfully spent in social amusements.

An entire new line of ladies' and gents' Trunks and Valises, Bags and Telescopes. 7-16-21 F. TROLL & SONS.

THE Cambridge Council has closed a contract with the Cambridge Light and Heat Company, for lighting the town for three years, at \$50 per light. They are to start with fifty lights and increase to eighty if necessary.

DR. C. A. FRANK, lately of Flushing, where he had two years' successful practice with Dr. Hobson, was in Cambridge this week looking around. He will soon fly his white flag in some good town as this. -*Quincy Times*.

MESSRS. GEO. ROBINSON and W. A. Hunt sold their Brookside property, west of Bridgeport, on Saturday, to Reuben Oelschlaeger. Mr. Hunt purchased some handsome residence property on Park street, Columbus, last week, at quite a bargain.

MRS. SILAS BOWEN, of Somerset township, while driving with her husband and family, last week, was thrown out backward by the overturning of the seat on which she sat. Falling on her head and face, her neck was broken. She regained consciousness, but died next day.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Pertinent Points About People Who Come and Go.

Miss Etta Heyse, of Brooklyn, is the guest of Miss Lulu Brown.

Miss Bessie Jepson, of Wheeling, and Miss Edith Higby, of Cleveland, were in town Thursday.

Judge Robert M. Eaton, of Atchison, Kansas, was in town this week. He is on a visit to his old home in Morristown.

Will Westcott, who fourteen years ago, moved from this place to La Grande, Oregon, was in town Saturday. Mr. Westcott is on his wedding trip, having been married a few weeks ago at Wooster, Ohio.

Mrs. J. J. Renard is visiting friends in Noble county.

C. H. Arrick returned last week from a trip through the South, where he visited fruit farms in which he is interested.

Prof. Waters and family, now of Media, Pa., are in town. The Professor is a teacher at the Institute.

David Schumaker, of Windsor, Canada, was home last week.

Mrs. Ross Baird, of Cleveland, was at her home in this place, Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Taggart, of Cincinnati, and Maurice Dubois, of Bellaire, are visiting the family of Mrs. James Frazier, north of town.

Mrs. M. E. Wilson and family returned home Thursday from a two weeks' visit at Parkersburg.

Misses Alice and Jessie Umstead are visiting relatives in New Martinsville.

Will McKelvey and family, of Wheeling, were with friends here over Sunday.

John Overbaugh, of Salineville, came home sick last week, but is now able to be about.

Ex-Treasurer George Robinson and wife will start the fore part of the week for a protracted visit among relatives in Philadelphia and points in New Jersey.

Mrs. Catharine Lewis, formerly of this place, now living in Kansas City, Kas., is visiting old friends in town.

Colonel Charlesworth and Comrade J. E. Stewart will probably attend the Encampment at Detroit next week.

Tragic Ending of a Picnic.

A merry picnic, Sunday afternoon, in the country back of Wheeling had a sad and tragic ending. The party was composed of young Wheeling people, neighbors and close friends. A young man, who had been hunting squirrels, came by and laid his gun down. Joe Fahey picked up the gun, and asked its owner if it was loaded. "No," said the latter, "it is not." Whereupon Fahey raised the gun, and pointing it toward a group near by, pulled the trigger. Both barrels were discharged. Sarah McJown was shot through the body, and died in a few minutes. George Witzel received many wounds in the head and face, and will lose one eye. Katie Kinney, who was standing behind these two, was slightly wounded.

Young Fahey gave himself up to the authorities, and was almost distracted with grief at his thoughtless act. Rumors were current that the killing was due to jealousy, but the jury found that it was accidental.

The Big Four Beaten.

In the scores heretofore made by the Gun Club, four members have led off prominently, so much so, indeed, that they have been given or have given themselves the name of "The Big Four." They have kept up the record well, but at the last shot went to pieces and were downed by the colts, by which name those of the lesser scores are designated. It now remains for the colts to show themselves stayers. Tuesday's score:

W. N. Darby... 101 100 01 01 01 110 101-15
J. H. Gasdon... 111 01 11 01 11 110 110-21
J. E. Meyer... 110 11 01 11 01 110 110-21
A. W. Kenyon... 110 11 01 11 01 110 110-21
J. A. Patterson... 110 11 01 11 01 110 110-21
J. E. Meyer... 110 11 01 11 01 110 110-21
J. M. Collins... 110 11 01 11 01 110 110-21

A Matter of Importance.

We have a great many persons on our books who are in arrears on subscription. A little from each amounts to much to us, and we desire all to send us a remittance. To all who remain in arrears we will shortly send bills, but we prefer not to be compelled to thus address each one personally. You know whether your subscription is paid or not as well as we do, and if you want to make us happy, pay up. This is not intended for subscribers who are paid in advance.

Children's Home Report.

The tenth annual report of the Belmont County Children's Home, for a copy of which we are indebted to the Superintendent, Mr. Peter Griffin, shows that a institution to be in line shape. There were about fifty inmates during the past year. The expenses of the Home for the year were \$7,932.42, being \$756.42 less than the year before. There was paid in wages \$3,289.90. Numerous improvements have been made. The health has been almost uninterrupted good, and the place is in excellent sanitary condition, nothing being lacking but hospital facilities.

A Former Citizen-Died.

Rev. R. S. Hogue, of Seio, died on Tuesday morning of last week. Mr. Hogue was some years ago an active minister in the M. E. church, and was connected with Seio College, as an instructor, but recently has given his attention to business affairs, being a member of the banking firm of Hogue & Donaldson. He was raised in this township, and is well remembered by many of our older citizens. His illness was short.

The Reason Why.

What did the Democrats fear when they used their endeavors to prevent Governor Campbell from appearing at the Fair on the same day with Major McKinley? Of course they didn't fear Maj. McKinley was a too aggressive debater to meet Campbell, yet it seems strange, very strange. Every Republican was not only willing but anxious to have these men meet here. Had they done so, Campbell afterward would have been in at condition to retire from the canvass.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

The Rumor that Parnell will Visit this Country.

Breaking the Record-Mrs. Astor's Quarrel with Uncle Sam-Another Vast Bridge-The Ruin of Clever Gamblers.

Special correspondence of The Chronicle.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1891.

There is a rumor circulating here to the effect that Parnell, the Irish leader, has arranged to come to America to attend the convention of the Irish National League, to be held in Baltimore next September. This promises to be an international episode of a pronounced kind. John Fitzgerald, President of the League, has, it is said, received a letter from Parnell pledging himself to do everything consistent with his position to carry out Fitzgerald's views, which are understood to refer to the demand of the party in America, that the faction in Ireland unite on a leader before the September Convention. Of course, there is the additional idea of securing funds for the cause to draw Parnell to this side of the water. Fitzgerald says no money will be subscribed until the leadership question is settled, but that plenty will be forthcoming then. What would become of the Nationalist cause without American contributions is hard to say. It is rather amusing to hear that Parnell found some difficulty in finding a priest willing to perform the ceremony of his marriage to Miss O'Shea on account of the objections of the Church to the marriage of divorced persons. One thing remains certain, however, he did find such a priest, and the fact that the marriage is not considered goes to show that the Church can be lenient if the wrong-doer is only prominent enough.

The Atlantic Steam Packet record has again been broken. The new steamship "Fuerst Bismarck," of the Hamburg-American Company has just made the passage from New York to Southampton in 5 days, 21 hours and 10 minutes, which is the fastest eastward passage ever made. The time of the eastward passage was first brought within six days by the German steamer "City of Paris," in December, 1888, between Sandy Hook and Queenstown, and that time, 5, 22, 30, remains the best ever made between those points.

Compared with New York's latest Custom House sensation, the case of Meyer and Dickman, of Philadelphia, sinks into insignificance. In their case the government has only to refund the excess duty paid, but in New York it is no such personal and pecuniary matter. Mrs. Astor, the famous and only, purchased two coats, valued at \$1,000, during the past winter, which arrived per steamer last week. The Customs authorities demanded a duty which Mrs. Astor considered an excessive one, and which she refused to pay. The authorities retaliated by announcing that the gowns would be sold at auction. Mrs. Astor replied that they might sell them, as she would not bid. Now here is a chance for some one to obtain a *bona fide* Astor dress—something that belongs to the very innermost shrine of "society." There is no doubt of the effect it would produce; the only question is would the comment be pleasing to the wearer?

If the streets of New York are not the cleanest of any city in the world, it is not because of parsimony on the part of the city officials, who make annual appropriations for this purpose. Each year the sum is greatly increased, but the cleanliness of the city shows but little improvement. Broadway, a few avenues and principal side streets, are kept in good condition, as the show streets of the town, for which fear of adverse criticism from visiting strangers is responsible. Whenever the streets become unbearable, and the protest of the people is over strong, the plea is made that the appropriations are insufficient, and on this plea a considerably larger amount is obtained for the succeeding year, with no perceptible difference in the streets. Usually the money is spent in experiments; the last scheme has been the "patrol system," coupled with a small engine belonging to the fire department, for washing out unusually dirty ways. The results are not very apparent, however.

The progress of the work of constructing a cable road on Broadway is slow—very slow—although carried on at a half dozen different points simultaneously. The engineering difficulties are numerous; nearly the entire length of the street is filled with water, gas and sewer pipes and electrical wires. As it is necessary to lay the foundations of the cable road at least four feet beneath the surface, and as many of these pipes are nearer than that, no direct work can be done until these have been removed to one side. Of course the unwieldy work is the greatest source